

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-31, and 34-40 are pending. Claims 11, 13-25, and 37-40 have been allowed, claims 1, 2, 26, 31, and 34-36 have been amended, and claims 12, 32, and 33 have been canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 4-6, 32, 34, and 36 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to recite the features of their base and intervening claims. Claims 2, 34, and 36 have been rewritten in this manner. In addition, claims 1 and 26 have been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 32. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are sufficient to overcome the rejections of record and to place the entire application into condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and furtherance of the application to allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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